

## Outspoken Foe Of Rabies Law Addresses Lions Club

Estelle Taylor, member of the Los Angeles Animal Regulation Commission and California Pet Owners League, spoke strongly in opposition to compulsory rabies vaccination at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Lions club Tuesday.

Miss Taylor was one of the leading figures in the fight against such an ordinance in Los Angeles last year. She charged that dogs are carriers of rabies during the two-week incubation period following the vaccination and that they could infect animals and children with rabies at that time.

**Arguments Refuted**  
Dr. Clifton H. Thielen, president — Citizens



Dr. Thielen, a noted research scientist, called this charge utterly false upon being contacted by the Torrance Press, as did Dr. Rollin Smith, Torrance veterinarian, and Dr. A. M. Scott, Long Beach veterinarian and past president of the California Veterinarians association.

"The vaccine is attenuated and can't cause the disease," Dr. Thielen stated. "It is like other vaccines in that it doesn't cause the disease but provides immunity against the disease as in the case of yellow fever and TB vaccinations."

Miss Taylor charged that "Dr. Thielen and those men are lobbyists—they're lobbying it up and down the corridors of city hall."

She charged that the rabies vaccination program is a "racket." "It is big business," she exclaimed, "and the profits are many times higher than the 'take' in the numbers racket."

She stated that the production of the vaccine is controlled by one laboratory, the Leberle laboratory, calling such a set-up a "Soviet-type cartel."

**Actually Four Laboratories**  
These charges were refuted further by Dr. Thielen, who stated emphatically that there are four laboratories: Pittman-Moore; Lederle; Corn State; and Fromm who manufacture the vaccine.

Miss Taylor made numerous references to cases where dogs were allegedly paralyzed by and even died from rabies vaccinations. She claimed that many medical men and veterinarians are privately against the vaccine on grounds that it is dangerous but cannot state so publicly.

"I will not be unethical enough to ever quote these in-

dividuals," she said.

**"Scare Campaign"**  
She also claimed that whenever these is a "scare campaign" on to get rabies legislation passed, many dogs which are not actually rabid are analyzed as "rabid."

A stricter enforcement of the leash law, Miss Taylor claimed, would be more effective than any rabies legislation. The pounds need more men to do their job. A rabies law, she maintained, would be much more costly and difficult to enforce.

She went on to call such a compulsory law as "un-American" and the "way to socialized medicine."

**"Brain-Washed"**  
"I don't know how you've been brainwashed down here. We've tried to get the other side printed, but haven't gotten it in. . . . We just have facts and truth on our side," she went on to say.

In defense of using dated "authorities" she said that the fact that a man is dead and the information is a number of years old does not necessarily invalidate the truth of such statements. She named Pasteur and Jesus Christ as examples.

Dr. Scott and Dr. Smith as well as Dr. Bob Barrett, local dentist, questioned a number of Miss Taylor's statements.

Dr. Scott and Dr. Smith fully endorsed the rabies law, pointing to the effectiveness of such a law in cities which have adopted it. They also said that they have worked with the vaccine and have never had a case of a dog being paralyzed or dying.

"Our books are open," Dr. Smith stated.

## Free Concert Set At Park Band Shell

The next in a series of Sunday afternoon programs, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department at the Torrance-Park Band Shell, will be a show featuring the Torrance Accordionettes from the Bette Thomas Accordion Studio, located at 1215 Crenshaw blvd.

The program will consist of a number of arrangements by the band, plus many solos, and dance numbers.

"Everyone is invited to come out for a Sunday picnic and to then enjoy a mighty fine program while relaxing," said Harry Van Bellehem, Recreation Department director.

The program is free and starts at 1 p.m.

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